

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Anthony Kevin "Tony" Dungy was born on October 6, 1955. As a child and teenager, Tony Dungy excelled at football. He was featured by "Sports Illustrated" on January 26, 1970 in a section called "Faces in the Crowd" which profiled his accomplishments as a 14 year old high school athlete. Despite demonstrating rare talent at a young age, Coach Dungy's parents, both educators, encouraged academics before athletics and faith before football;

Whereas, Tony Dungy was recruited by the University of Minnesota and played for the Golden Gophers from 1973 to 1976. He entered the starting lineup as quarterback during his freshmen year and after four years finished as Minnesota's career leader in pass attempts, completions, touchdown passes, and passing yards. He also finished fourth in career total offense in the Big Ten Conference. He received Minnesota's most valuable player award twice;

Whereas, Tony Dungy was a player in the NFL from 1977 to 1980. During the Super Bowl of 1978, Tony Dungy not only earned a championship ring, but also the curious title of the only NFL player since the AFL-NFL merger to intercept a pass and throw an interception in the same game;



Whereas, Tony Dungy joined the Colts as head coach in 2002 after serving as the most successful head coach in Tampa Bay history. Coach Dungy brought over 20 years of collegiate and professional coaching experience to the Indianapolis franchise. In his previous coaching positions, Tony Dungy was the youngest assistant coach at age 25 and the youngest coordinator at age 28;

Whereas, Tony Dungy led the Indianapolis Colts to Super Bowl victory on February 4, 2007, the first such win for an African-American coach. Coach Dungy had taken eight of his previous ten teams to the playoffs. With this victory, he joined Mike Ditka and Tom Flores as the only individuals to win the Super Bowl as a player and head coach;

Whereas, Tony Dungy set several league records during his seven year career as Colts head coach. He was the first to make 10 straight playoff appearances, the first to win 12 games in six straight seasons, and the first head coach to defeat all 32 NFL teams. His regular-season winning percentage of .668 is fifth all-time among coaches with at least 100 wins and his 10.7 regular-season wins per year is the best among that group;

Whereas, off the field, Tony Dungy has been involved in a wide variety of charitable organizations which benefit Hoosiers of all walks of life, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Athletes in Action, Mentors for Life, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, and the Prison Crusade Ministry. He also works with Basket of Hope, the Black Coaches Association National Convention, Indiana Black Expo, the United Way of Central Indiana, and the American Diabetes Association;

Whereas, Tony Dungy takes the responsibilities of fatherhood very seriously. Coach Dungy may have led the Indianapolis Colts to Super Bowl victory, but his greatest leadership contribution may well be "All Pro Dad", the



football-themed fatherhood program of Family First which he helped establish. All Pro Dad features 43 NFL players, coaches, and alumni who speak out on the importance of being a good father as well as equipping fathers with the moral and educational tools necessary to make them better role models to build character in their children and communities;

Whereas, Tony Dungy accomplished his dream of becoming a Super Bowl Champion both as a player and as a head coach. Coach Dungy retires his Colts playbook to pursue his true vocation, a life dedicated to faith, family and service. Accompanying him on that journey are his wife, Lauren, and six children: daughters, Tiara and Jade, and sons, Eric, Jordan, and Justin, and the late James Dungy;

Whereas, Tony Dungy, a #1 New York Times Best Selling Author for his autobiography Quiet Strength, reveals how he won the respect of his players and led them to Super Bowl victory without the screaming histrionics, the profanities and the demand that football come before anything else. Coach Dungy explains his success was the result of never compromising his faith or family for football;

Whereas, Mark Merrill of the Indianapolis Star described Tony Dungy as a man who believes "humility does not mean you think less of yourself, it just means you think more of others." Coach Dungy is a humble philanthropist who never talks about himself or his remarkable achievements. Instead, he is always deflecting the attention and credit to others; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1: That the Indiana General Assembly hereby
- 2 recognizes the outstanding career and the many community
- 3 contributions of Tony Dungy and honors him upon his retirement.



1 SECTION 2: The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
2 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Tony Dungy.

